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Re: Applications for Consent to Transfer Control of Filed by Verizon Communications, Inc. and MCI, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-75 - REDACTED

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the procedures set forth in the Second Protective Order adopted in this proceeding,¹ Verizon Communications, Inc. ("Verizon") and MCI, Inc. ("MCI") are filing the attached European Commission ("EC") Order containing highly confidential information. These highly confidential materials are submitted under seal and should not be placed in the public record for this proceeding. Verizon and MCI are also separately transmitting two copies of this material to Gary Remondino as required by the Second Protective Order. The protection afforded by the Second Protective Order is necessary for the attached decision because, as explained below, the decision contains confidential business information that will not be included in the order the EC releases to the public.

On October 7, 2005, the EC sent Verizon and MCI the attached, non-public, version of its decision approving the parties' merger without conditions. This order, which the EC has designated "not to be published," was sent to the applicants to allow them an opportunity to request that confidential business data be redacted from the version of the order that ultimately is released to the public. Verizon and MCI have asked the EC to redact certain confidential data from the public decision, but the final decision on what is redacted rests with the EC, and the EC has not yet communicated that information to Verizon and MCI. Once the EC releases a public version of the decision, redacting the confidential information, Verizon and MCI will file the order in the public docket of this proceeding, consistent with the FCC's *ex parte* rules.²

¹ See *Verizon Communications Inc. and MCI, Inc. Applications for Approval of Transfer of Control*, WC Docket No. 05-75, Order Adopting Second Protective Order, 20 FCC Rcd 10420 (2005) ("Second Protective Order").

² See, e.g., 47 C.F.R. § 1.1203.

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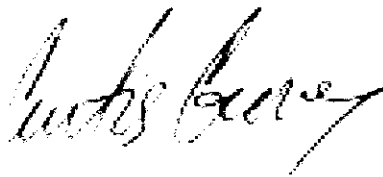
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In the interim, Verizon and MCI are filing the non-public version of the EC's decision in an effort to ensure the completeness of the record in this proceeding and assist the FCC's decision-making process. Because the decision has been designated "non-public" and because we do not know which information the EC will redact in the final public order, we are erring on the side of caution and filing the entire decision on a "highly confidential" basis, subject to the protections of the Second Protective Order.

Copies of this highly confidential filing will be made available for inspection, pursuant to the terms of the Second Protective Order, at the offices of Jenner & Block. Arrangements for inspection may be made by contacting Elaine Goldenberg, Jenner & Block LLP, 601 13th Street NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005, 202-639-6000.

If you have any questions or require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,



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